Kiama, the home of our members Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fraser. After Kiama the party visited "Hartwell House" (now Dr. Barnardo's Home), via Shellharbour and Port Kembla to Wollongong, for an inspection of the Museum and for afternoon tea, provided by a number of ladies of our Society, before catching the train back to Sydney. Those of our members who accompanied the tour thoroughly enjoyed them-selves, and we trust that our visitors did likewise.

SITUARY:

We record with deep regret the death of Mr. Clive Stewart, of 49 Stanley St., formerly of Mangerton. Mr. Stewart was a highly-qualified electrical engineer holding a senior position on the staff of the State Electricity Commission. His interests extended beyond his own profession, and during his residence in Wollongong both he and Mrs. Stewart were active in many cultural and public bodies. He was one of those members of the Wollongong Library Committee to whom this city, and its Society, are deeply and lastingly indebted for the establishment of the Reference Section of the Wollongong Public Library and for all the benefits which have resulted from it.

Mrs. Stewart frequently attended our meeting and is well known to many of our members and to her and to her family the Society extends its sympathy.

1st March, 1867, the Great Southern Railway was extended to Mittagong. The line was not the present Main Southern Line, but the now little-used loop from Picton to Mittagong, whose fierce grades led to its replacement as the main line by the longer but easier route via Bargo in 1919.

The centenary will be commemorated on Saturday, 4th March. Celebrations will include a Dahlia Festival and visits to Mittagong by the Vintage Train and A.R.H.S. special train, which will itself be piloted by an engine of respectable antiquity, and will travel via the old line. (N.B.: Both trains can be photographed on Picton Viaduct.)

ILLAWARRA HOUSES: "PENROSE"

On Saturday, 11th February, 1967, I was present at the laying of the foundation stone of St. Luke's Retirement Village. The site, on the highway about two miles south of Dapto, has been donated by the Church of England for this purpose by Mr. Lindsay Evans and is part of his dairy farm, "Penrose".

The Evans family have had long and close association with St. Luke's Church and Mr. Lindsay Evans, his father and his grandfather have all been church-goers.

The property has belonged to the Evans family since 1847, when it was bought by Mr. Evan Evans, great-grandfather of Mr. Lindsay Evans.

The original house was replaced between the years 1853 and 1862 by "Penrose Cottage", which has been owned and lived in by the Evans family ever since.

The builder was William James, a stonemason from Penzance, Cornwall, and it was his first job on coming to Australia. It appears that Mr. Evans, who came from Penzance, went to Sydney to meet this man from his old home town, and by the time they arrived back in Dapto an agreement had been reached between Mr. James to build a house for Mr. Evans.

The house still stands looking very little different from when it was built over 100 years ago: stone foundations, brick walls (the bricks believed to have been made and burnt on the property), slate roof, and all the interior woodwork was cedar. Originally the kitchen was separate from the house, but about 60 years ago it was built on to the house at the back. Inside, some of the original fittings still remain, but a few walls have been removed to make the house more comfortable to live in.

The house as it stands today is a tribute to the skill of the builder and the family who have given it. Mr. James afterwards went to live in Shellharbour and his descendants still own the house.

The owners of the house have been Mr. Evan Evans, his son Roberts Harper Evans, W. A. A. Evans, Donald Thompson Evans, his son Eustace Thompson Evans, and now his son Evan Lindsay Thompson Evans.

— M. M. EVANS